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ELECTION DAY IS NOV. 8TH DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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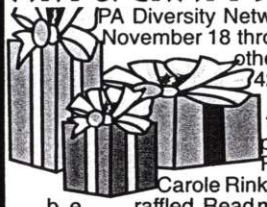
LV GAY MEN'S CHORUS "SEASON'S SENSATIONS"CONCERT

The Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus will present their holiday concert, "Seasonal Sensations," on Saturday November 19, 8 PM at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 N. Center St., Bethlehem, PA. The LVGMC is in its 12th season and under the direction of Artistic Director Adam P. Koch. Joining the chorus for this performance will be well-known New York City Tenor, Michael Bodnyk. Musical selections will include Morten Lauridsen's 'O Magnum Mysterium', Biebl's 'Ave Maria' and Bobby McFerrin's 'Psalm 23.' Tickets are $12 ($6 for students and senior citizens) and can be reserved by calling 610-366-3320. Tickets also available at the door. For more information visit www.lvgmc.org.

ART & CRAFT SHOW TO BENEFIT PA DIVERSITY



PA Diversity Network will be hosting a Holiday Art and Craft Show Gift Sale, November 18 through 20, to benefit Valley Gay Press, The GLBT Infoline and other PA Diversity programs, at the PA Diversity Gallery Space at 427 1/2 N. 9th Street, Allentown.

Handmade items for sale will include: pottery, jewelry, tapestry and fabric work, cards, vintage and erotic prints and paintings by local artists Jason Sizemore, Diann Garnett, Rachel Thompson, Roy and Krisann Bachert, Liz Bradbury and Carole Rinkunas. Work by nationally known wire artist Karl Howard will be raffled. Read more about these artists on page 5.

A gala reception on Friday, Nov. 18 , 6 to 9:00 pm, will feature wine and fine hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet and talk with the artists and purchase their work. Live entertainment during the reception will be provided by local jazz legend Roberta Meek. Entrance fee for the reception is $5. The show will also be open noon to 7pm on Saturday and Sunday (no entrance fee). For more information call 610-432-5449.

MCC HOSTS 10,000 VILLAGES

MCCLV's Helping Hands Ministry will be hosting a 10,000 Villages Craft Fair on Saturday Nov. 5, 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday Nov. 6, 12noon - 5 pm at the church. 10,000 Villages sells reasonably priced crafts made by Third World artisans.

FACT SNOW BALL

19th Annual Snowbal,l Sunday Dec. 4, 2005, 5pm. $60.00 per person cash bar, silent auction. Held at the Crown Plaza 9th and Hamilton Allentown.

MUHLENBERG HOSTS YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS, GLBT THEME PLAYS

NEW VOICES & VISIONS- The Muhlenberg Theatre Association has established two important forums for premiering new plays by young playwrights (NEW VOICES) and encouraging the work of emerging directors (NEW VISIONS). From Nov. 30 through Dec. 4. MTA will present five original short plays staged in repertoire with Jim Grimsley's A Bird Of Prey, in the Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion. For more information about these events see page 5.

GLBT Infoline
Greater Lehigh Valley
610-HELP-123
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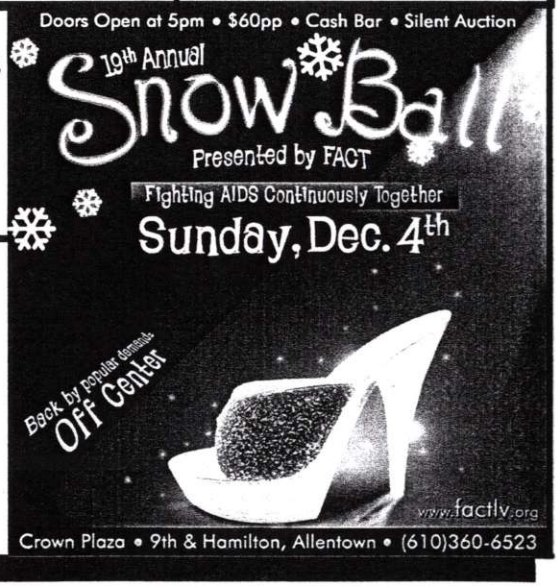
FACT BENEFIT SHOW AT DIAMONZ NIGHTCLUB FRIDAY NOV 18,

Hosted by Storm, This show will be in honor of Uncle Bill.



Dear WTA: I've heard the equality forum has updated the list of Fortune 500 companies that have non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation...and there are 463 companies now! The question is...who are the 37 bad-guy holdouts? **Signed, Ready for a Boycott**

Dear Ready, Check out Trish's column on page 7 for the whole story, but consider this for now. One of the few hold outs that refuses to protect against anti-GLBT bias is Wendy's. Yep, that's right, Wendy's says no to equal protections. So skip the burgers at Dave's joint.

Dear WTA: What's' the deal on Penn State's Woman's basketball coach? **Signed BBALL**

Dear B-2, Good question, and one that's of special interest to the local GLBT community, especially Penn State Alums. The National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) plans to sue Penn State on behalf of a former PSU basketball player Jen Harris, who says her coach's anti-gay bigotry led to harassment and forced her off the team. Harris has accused Coach Rene Portland of forcing her off the team in March because the coach believed Harris was a lesbian. NCLR has also charged Portland with decades of discrimination, adhering to a "no lesbians" policy for her team, despite Penn State policy forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation.

....More than 20 years ago, when I was teaching college in Western New York, a young woman told me that she had been a victim of anti-lesbian harassment by this same coach at Penn State. It's past time for this to stop!

PFLAG TO HOST READING UUC SERVICE

Reading PFLAG will host their annual service at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County, 416 Franklin Street, Reading on Sunday morning, November 6 at 10:30am, as a way of thanking the church for providing a free and supportive meeting space. PFLAG members will provide lunch after the service. If you are interested in participating in the service itself, contact PFLAG through the Helpline at 610-967-5219 or by e-mailing newsletter@eastern-pa-pflag.org.

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RAGS TO RICHES TAKE THE FIRST STEP

by Denise McKelvey

Dear Denise, My partner and I are wondering, is better to invest in homes, rather than putting money into the stock market? Four years ago, we purchased our home for $180,000 and the property a few doors down has recently sold for $235,000. What are your thoughts? **Signed, Show Me The Money**

Dear Show Me, We've all seen a dramatic increase in home equity. We all may want to concur that real estate is now a safer and better investment than stocks. It turns out, though, that the last five years - when homes in some hot markets have outperformed stocks - has been a highly unusual period.

In fact, by a wide margin over time, stock prices have risen more quickly than home values, even on the East and West Coasts, where home values have appreciated most. Friends of mine, Kim and Julie, had purchased a five-bedroom colonial home in Harrington Park NJ, where they had lived since 1970. They paid $110,000 to have the house built and it sold in July for $900,000. But much of this gain came from simple price inflation, the same forces that has made a gallon of milk more expensive today than it was three decades ago. Kim and Julie had invested tens of thousands of dollars in a new master bathroom, with marble floors, a Jacuzzi bathtub and vanity cabinets. Add it all up, and they ended up making an inflation-adjusted profit of less than 10 percent over the 35 years.

That return does not come close to the gains of the stock market over the same period. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index has increased almost 200 percent since 1970, even after accounting for inflation. Some people are buying homes purely on speculation, trading real estate almost as if it were a stock. Surveys have shown that a large majority of Americans consider real estate to be a safer investment than stocks. But the strength of the housing sector has created a short-term fallacy. For example, since 1980 money invested in the Standard & Poor's 500 has delivered an average return of 10 percent a year. Including dividends, the return on the S & P 500 rises to 12 percent a year. Even in New York and San Francisco, home values have risen only about 7 percent a year.

That does not mean real estate is a bad investment. It is often an important source of wealth. But its main benefit is what it has always been: shelter. Too many people are fixated on speculation whereas most of the benefit really comes from usage. Homes do appreciate in value, but you also have the ability to use it. When you sell your home, you will probably purchase another. The value of the home may have increased by a certain percentage, but you still have to factor in property taxes, renovations, tax deductions and the fact that most homes are purchased with mortgages. Homes, by far, definitely have their place, but you still need to look at the overall picture.

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HOT NEWS

HAVEN YOUTH GROUP

HAVEN MEETINGS : every Wednesday from 7:00 - 9:00PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem. Meetings are open to GLBTAQ youth ages 14 - 20. For information: havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com or 610-868-2153.HAVEN needs facilitators. Facilitator training provided.

PFLAG NEWS

PFLAG - Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, www.eastern-pa-pflag.org. e-mail:info@eastern-pa-pflag.org. Meeting locations: LV - 1st Tues., 1st Pres. Church, Allentown. 610-967-5219. Reading - 3rd Tues., Unitarian Universalist Church, Reading. 610-967-5219. Monroe - 1st Wed., Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg. 570-620-123 .Meeting Dates:
Allentown: November 1, December 6
Monroe: November 2, December 7
Reading: November 15, No meeting in December

GLORA

GLORA - The Gay and Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown is up and running again with new leaders and new contact information and a web site. GLORA organizes social events for GLBT singles and couples in the Lehigh Valley. To contact GLORA and for event information go to http://glora.1colony.com or email Glora@dejazzed.com or write GLORA PO Box 414 Fredrick PA 19435-0414.

STEVIE Z

Spend the next few Friday nights (and other times too) with Allentown's own 'Stevie Z' - the Piano Man. 1/2 of tips received in Oct/Nov/Dec will go for Hurricane Relief. The Stevie Z appearance on Friday, Nov. 4 has been changed to Saturday Nov. 5 from 10:30PM-12:30AM at the Moose Lounge. Friday, Nov 11, Stevie will be one of several musicians at the Les Gross concert honoring Veteran's Day at MCCLV at 7:30PM. Friday, Nov 18, Stevie returns to the Moose - getting ready for Thanksgiving.

GLOSS EVENTS

The Gay & Lesbian Organized Sports Society (GLOSS) holds weekly get togethers for volleyball, tennis and racquetball. On a monthly basis, GLOSS offers bowling, pinochle, and game night. Bowling is held the second Friday of the month at the Rose Bowl in Allentown at 8:45PM. Pinochle is the first Saturday of the month and game night is usually on the third Saturday. Contact GLOSS: Info@gloss.org; web: www.gloss.org; or US Mail: PO Box 21862, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002.

HAVEN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

HAVEN sponsored a terrific Halloween party for GLBT youth on October 15th. About 25 young people came in wild costumes and had a great time. HAVEN is the LV's group for GLBT youth ages 14 to 20, and needs adult volunteers. If you can help out, please call 610-868-2153 or havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com.

ALL TOGETHER NOW EVENT

Lutheran Seminary Professor Rev. Dr. Barbara Lundblad will speak on "Blessings and Backlash: Stumbling Towards Wholeness" at an All Together Now event at 3 PM on Sunday November 6 at Wesley Methodist Church at 2540 Center Street in Bethlehem. For more information: bluemountain@entermail.net, 610-398-3074.

PENNSYLVANIA DIVERSITY NETWORK

Pennsylvania Diversity Network is pleased to announce that Chico Perez of Reading, PA., has been appointed to its Board of Directors.

During the month of October, PDN provided eight programs at various locations including Cedar Crest College, Muhlenberg College, Bloomsburg University and at the Crime Victims Council. Some of the topics covered were Legal Rights and Non discrimination Protections for GLBT People, Same-Sex Marriage and How To Be A Supportive Ally to the GLBT Community. Pennsylvania Diversity Network is scheduled to do additional trainings this month in Bethlehem and in Reading.

The GLBT Infoline continues to get daily calls and the extensive resource list on the PA Diversity Network website continues to grow.

Don't forget the Pennsylvania Diversity Network Art Show and Sale on November 18-20. Proceeds go to support PDN programs that serve the community. Pennsylvania Diversity Network brings you The Valley Gay Press, the GLBT Infoline and the PA Diversity website Resource List.

PA DIVERSITY ART & CRAFT SHOW ARTISTS

(Read more about the show on page one.)

Jason Sizemore specializes in acrylic and ink original artwork which is easily personalized (pets, commitment ceremonies, families, anniversaries, etc.) and also uses vintage images, ranging from 1950's Girl Scout Manuals to Sex Ed textbooks from the 1930's, to create home decor items. Some holiday theme items will be available.

Diann Garnett, combines tapestry and other fabrics of various patterns, to create one of a kind purses, totes, knitting bags and wallets. She will also feature handmade stationary and gift tags, and items made from vintage women's hankies.

Rachel Thompson, a self taught water color artist, primarily paints traditional watercolor motifs, using a variety of watercolor styles and techniques. Her work includes illustrations, portraits, original cartoons, pen and ink, greeting cards and fantasy art. Her water colors will be featured in this show. Rachel also is a human rights activist and serves on several boards.

Roy Bachert specializes in unique & functional hand thrown stoneware pottery. His work includes bowls, vases, oil lamps, hand carved candle votive, larger serving pieces and the Original Bachert Burning Stone & Wick. His wife, Krisann, adds whimsical carvings and etchings to many of Roy's pots. Roy is an active member of Artisan Touch, the Valley's only artist's co-op.

Carole Rinkunas, whose jewelry business is called Bobbles and Beads, is also an active member of the Artisan Touch co-op. She exhibits in a variety of area art and craft shows, and will be featuring earrings, necklaces and other fine handmade jewelry pieces.

Liz Bradbury, who earned her BFA and MFA degrees many years ago, has participated in art & craft shows all over the United States. She will be exhibiting a series of handcolored erotic art prints, that may not be suitable for children or those who don't laud the aesthetic qualities of women's bodies. In her spare time, Liz is a GLBT civil rights activist.

Karl Howard, nationally known wire artist, who has been featured in art galleries from San Francisco to New York City, has promised to donate one of his fascinating pieces for the show raffle. Some of Karl's unique wall pieces will also be featured in the show.

CALENDAR

Am Haskalah, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Services at Allentown JCC at 22nd and Tilghman Streets, http://www.jrf.org/amhaskpa,610-435-3775
ACCO-A Chorus Celebrating Women,
AIDS Outreach-112 N. 5th St. Allentown, PA 610.435.8424
AIDSWALK- see **FACT**
ASC- AIDS Service Center 610.974.8701
All Together Now - Supportive Ecumenical Christians, 610-398-1286, bluemountain@entermail.net
BGMSG - Berk's County Gay Men's Social Group -- singles and couples social events berksgmsg@aol.com
BMA- Bucks/Montgomery Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Concerns 215-529-0360
CHICOMAX.com- Informational website
CIVIC and 19th St. Theater, 527 N 19th St, 610-432-8943, <.civictheater,com>
CUUPS -- Covenenat of Unitarian Universalist Pagans every 4th Sunday at noon at the UUCLV. uuclv_cuups@yahoogroups.com.
Enigma Players -- qacres@prolog.net
equal@agere- email: equal@agere.com
FACT- Fighting AIDS Continuously Together 610.820.5519
Gaydar Magazine-- www.gaydar.com
GLEE at Air Products
GLISN- at Dun & Bradstreet, <vagranthollow.com/GLISN/>
GLORA- Gay and Lesbian Organization of Reading and Allentown www.glora.1colony.com, glora@dejazzed.com
GLOSS - Gay and Lesbian Organized Sports Society, www.gloss.org Info@gloss.org
GLOW- at PPL
HAVEN GLBT Youth Group of the UUC LV - call: 610-868-2153, email: havenyouthgroup@hotmail.com
HMFF-Hope Ministry Family Fellowship, Sundays, 11 am, Open Space Gallery, 931 Hamilton St. 610-791-0716
Integrity- Lesbian & Gay Episcopalians Family & Friends meets quarterly. 610-758-8642 gamba.guy@verizon.net"
Infoline - Greater LV GLBT Infoline: 610-HELP123 (435-7123) M-F 6pm -9pm Office: 610-432-5449 info@padiversity.org
INTERWEAVE -- GLBTAI group at the UUCLV. 3rd Sundays.. Interweave_UUCLV@yahoogroups..com. www.uuclvpa.org 610-866-7652.
LVGMC -Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, email:info@lvmgc.org,<www.lvgmc.org> 610-366-3320, rehearsals: Tues.-Wesley United Methodist Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem
Lehigh Valley Transsexual Coalition- 610-610-997-0976, humanrights4all@aol.com, 610-814-0530 JamesHalleman@aol.com
MCC - Metropolitian Community Church, Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th Street, Allentown Services: 10:30am & 6pm, mcclehighvalley@yahoo.com, http://www.mcclv.org 610-709-8800
NCC- Northampton Community College GLB Student Union, 610.861.5541(#1386) or 882-2531
19th St & Civic Theatre - 610.432.8943
Out There- Students at Cedar Crest College
PA-Diversity Network- 610-432-5449 www.padiversity.org PO Box 22902 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002
PA-GALA - Pennsylvania Gay And Lesbian Alliance, (Candidate Guide, & Political Lobbying) P.O.Box 20825 Lehigh Valley 18002 610-863-0227 www.pa-gala.org
PARENTS- GLBT parent's group: 610-262-2519

NOVEMBER 2005

Election Day Nov 8...VOTE!!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 GLOSS LVGMC shopping day LV PFLAG	2 M PFLAG HAVEN	3 GLOSS RAA PA-GALA	4 MCC 1Fri, Nite Live!	5 GLOSS WDIY MCC 10,000 villages Stevie Z
6 HMFF UUCLV WDIY All Together Now MCC 10,000 villages R PFLAG	7 RAA	8 GLOSS LVGMC Election Day	9 HAVEN	10 RAA GLOSS	11 Stevie Z MCC Veteran's Day Event	12 GLOSS MCC Pampered Chef WDIY
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20 HMFF MCC WDIY UUCLV PDN Art Show	21 RAA	22 GLOSS LVGMC	23 HAVEN	24 GLOSS RAA	25 MCC Coffee & Stories Pride Casino Night	26 WDIY GLOSS
27 WDIY UUCLV CUUPS HMFF MCC Potluck	28 RAA	29 GLOSS LVGMC	30 HAVEN Muhlenberg New Voices and Visions			

DECEMBER 2005

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	Muhlenberg New Visions Through		Voices and Dec 4th	1 PA-GALA RAA GLOSS	2 Stevie Z	3 WDIY GLOSS
4 GLOSS MCC UUCLV Fact Snow Ball	5 RAA	6 GLOSS LVGMC LV PFLAG	7 HAVEN M PFLAG	8 GLOSS RAA	9	10 GLOSS WDIY BCMG
11 HMFF GLOSS WDIY MCC UUCLV	12 RAA	13 GLOSS LVGMC	14 HAVEN	15 GLOSS RAA P PFLAG	16	17 GLOSS MCC WDIY Christmas Dance
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JANUARY 2006

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PFLAG - LV Parents Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 1st Tues. 1st Pres. Church Allentown 610.967.5219 www.eastern-pa-pflag.org
Pride - Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley, (Pride Festival) 610.770.6200, email: <info@prideglv.org>, <www.pridelv.org>
QuEST - Student group at Lafayette College ,
Quakers-Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting-Route 512 1/2 mi. North of Rte 22 Bethlehem, PA. Worship at 9:30 am. (610)691-3411.
RAA- Rainbow AA meetings, Mon. & Thurs. At 16th and Turner.
Ren- Renaissance Transgendered Assoc., Meets at MCCLV renlv.org
Rainbow Space - Muhlenberg College Organization 610.821.3244
Reading P-FLAG- 610-967-5219
Safe Space- At Lehigh U. 610.758.5973
Temple Sophia, Interfaith Sanctuary 117 E Ridge St., Coaldale 18218 570-657-6447 Pastor: Rt. Rev. Tom Cormier
T.O. - Theatre Outlet-, Allentown, 610-820-9270.
Unity- 26 N. 3rd St. Emmaus, 767-4417
UUCLV - Unitarian Universalist Church LV, 424 Center St., Bethlehem, 18018 610.866.7652.
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LV PFLAG - 1ST TUESDAYS
READING - PFLAG 3RD TUES
GLOSS VOLLEYBALL - TUES/THURS
GLOSS RACQUETBALL-TUES & SATS
GLBT YOUTH GROUP HAVEN - WEDNESDAYS
MONROE PFLAG - 1ST WEDS
PA-GALA - 1ST THURSDAYS
POTTSVILLE PFLAG - 3RD THURSDAYS
POETRY CIRCLE - FRIDAYS
GLOSS PINOCHLE - 1ST SATS
MCC GAME NIGHTS-1ST & 3RD SATS
GLOSS GAME NIGHTS - 3RD SATS
AL-ANON - SATS
INTERWEAVE - 3RD SUNDAYS
GLOSS TENNIS - SUNDAYS
GLOSS BOWLING - 2ND FRI

NOV 1 - LVGMC SHOPPING DAY
NOV 1 - LV- PFLAG
NOV 2 - MONROE PFLAG
NOV 4 - MCCLV FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
NOV 5 - STEVIEZ@ MOOSE LOUNGE
NOV 5 -6 10,000 VILLAGES @ MCCLV
NOV 6 - ALL TOGETHER NOW
NOV 6 - READING PFLAG UUC SERVICE
NOV 8 - ELECTION DAY
NOV 11 - STEVIEZ@ MCC FOR LES GROSS VETERANS DAY
NOV 12 - MCCLV PAMPERED CHEF
NOV 15 - READING PFLAG
NOV 17 - POTTSVILLE PFLAG
NOV 18 - FACT BENEFIT
NOV 18 - STEVIEZ@ MOOSE LOUNGE
NOV 18 ,19,20 PDN ART/CRAFT SALE
NOV 19 - LVGMC CONCERT
NOV 25 - PRIDE CASINO NGT
NOV 25 - MCCLV COFFEE AND STORIES
NOV 30-DEC 4 -NEW VOICES & VISIONS
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DEC 6 - LV-PFLAG
DEC 7 - MONROE PFLAG
DEC 10 - BCMG FUNDRAISER
DEC 15 - POTTSVILLE PFLAG
DEC 17 - MCCLV CHRISTMAS DANCE
DEC 23 - STEVIEZ@ MOOSE LOUNGE
FEB 10 - MCCLV NFTMD COURTHOUSE
FEB 11 - MCCLV CEREMONY & DANCE

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NEW VOICES & VISIONS- THE MUHLENBERG THEATRE ASSOCIATION

Nov. 30 through Dec. 4, 2005, MTA will present five original short plays staged in repertoire with Jim Grimsley's A Bird Of Prey in the Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion. The brave new works-in-progress are provocative looks at the intense vulnerability of teenagers and young adults as they initiate social and romantic relationships - the afterglow of two young people's first sexual encounter, the exploitation of a student's affection for a teacher, attraction and competition between two gay lovers, and the struggle to change when change seems impossible. Grimsley's A Bird of Prey, exposes the rage and grief of teenagers attempting to survive a frightening sequence of violence, abuse, and predatory sexual behavior. NEW VOICES - Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m. * Thursday at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. NEW VISIONS: A Bird of Prey * Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. * Thursday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and are sold separately for these two events. Call 484-664-3333 or purchase online at www.muhlenberg.edu/tickets.

PRIDE GLV

Pride GLV Hosts First Annual Casino Night -- Friday, Nov. 25, 7 - 11 pm at 1101 Hamilton Street, 5th Floor in Allentown (Former Petro's Restaurant).
Pride in the Park 2006 -- will be held on Saturday, June 17. The Parade down Hamilton St. begins 11 am. The festival at Cedar Beach Park will begin at noon, Opening Ceremonies at 1 PM.

MCC NEWS

MCCLV will be a Distribution Center for the Lehigh County Prescription Discount Cards.
MCCLV's dates for the 2006 National Freedom to Marry Day events: Friday, February 10, will be the Courthouse Action and Saturday, February 11 at 7 p.m. will be the NFTMD Ceremony and Dance.

RANTS & RAVES BY STEPHEN T. LIBBY

Since this is November, let me give thanks for life and love and the desire for peace. May you all have a peace-filled Thanksgiving. Now let's trash some movies. As Bill Mahr said so eloquently a few months ago, "The reason a script becomes a TV show in the first place is because it wasn't good enough to be a movie." Case in point: Bewitched. I loved Bewitched when I was a kid. What little boy or girl didn't try to twitch their nose to see if there was magic in it? The only thing in the nose of the silver screen version of Bewitched is, you got it, a big ol' booger. The movie was as predictable as that last sentence.

Why do some big screen adaptations fly while others bomb? Well, I've applied some calculus and trigonometry (but no logic) to come up with this equation: Classic TV show - original characters + poor script - kid gloves = Crap.

Bewitched certainly qualifies as a classic TV show. Check. By original characters, of course I don't mean the original actors. With the exception of Gladys Kravitz, Tabitha and Adam, the entire cast of Bewitched has passed on to that great TV Land in the sky. Thank the lord for that blessing so they wouldn't be embarrassed by this mess.

The script just wasn't funny. I didn't care if Will Farrell was employed at all, let alone Darrin in a remake of one of the most beloved comedies of all time. Nicole Kidman was wasted and I don't mean in the good way. She was flighty, aloof, self-centered, stubborn and not very funny. Elizabeth Montgomery, on the other hand was fun, sexy, spirited and had a great sense of comic timing. Shirley McLaine wasn't so much channeling (the original classic monster-in-law) Agnes Moorehead as she was inhabited by (the original classic wig wearer) Rip Taylor. Bizarre with a capital "B". Michael Caine. NF (not funny).

But, let me tell you about Steve. All about Steve. Steve Correll that is. He just keeps hitting them out of the park. First The Daily Show with Jon Stewart. Then Anchorman. Most recently The 40 Year Old Virgin. Here, he is Uncle Arthur, the role so hilariously created by Paul Lynde. Correll does what everyone else in this movie should have done. Impersonate the original. He does wear thin after 5-7 minutes but, so did Paul Lynde. So, Correll even nailed that.

Nora Ephron needs to clean up this mess she has made of my childhood memories. I think I saw Penny Marshall's name attached, also. For shame! For that, someone should remake Laverne & Shirley with Paris Hilton and Jessica Simpson and make Penny watch it repeatedly.

Jessica Simpson. Don't even get me started on The Dukes of Hazzard movie or that wretched remake of These Boots Are Made for Walkin'. We can only hope the Summer of '06 brings less silver screen translations from the small screen. One already in the can; Miami Vice starring Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx. What! Who the "f" ordered this pile of poo?! I'll watch it only if they're naked and I don't have to listen to the script.

A little shameless self-promotion. The latest issue of locally produced Gaydar Magazine is available at Border's, Pop Mart, Drop Me a Line, The Attic and the local colleges. Interview and centerfold of Melissa Etheridge for the girls. Lots of hot boys for the boys and Margaret Cho for all of us. Great articles, art work, poetry, photos and graphics by some of the areas hottest talent. Thanks to all! Join our team at www.gaydarmagazine.com

PLANET Parenthood

by Earl and Donnie Snyder

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He Has Your Eyes

Every now and then, when our son Lucas is out with his two Dads, a complimentary stranger will finally ask, "Does his curly hair comes from his Mother?" or say, "His mother must be so proud of him" or, "He has your eyes." We refer to this type of interchange as "fishing." People are "fishing" for information or confirmation that we are both his fathers and that there is no mother in the picture. They're fishing indirectly to find out if we are gay. Whether or not we verbally enlighten the curious, depends on our moods.

I had a personal experience with "fishing" at Lucas's weekly music class. A mother gradually started to chat with me. During one class, she asked me about Lucas's Mother. I told her that Lucas was adopted. That was all I had to tell her and she made the correct assumption that I was a gay dad. Could it have been that I was wearing a Celine Dion T-shirt? She then proceeded to ask me what my partner does. This day marked a closer relationship between this woman and me. The truth is always a good thing.

There have been many times, especially when Lucas was a newborn, that people we didn't know rejoiced in our family. We've met all sorts of people who have been very accepting and made us feel quite admired. That's the type of situation we've experience most. People can easily identify with the family archetype, which makes most people we encounter view us positively.

On the flip side, we had one not so nice experience that did not include Lucas but did effect our family. Donnie and I were in line at a local grocery store when a young woman asked Donnie what his T-shirt meant. His shirt read "Peace through Pride."I held my breath to hear what Donnie would say. He told her it was about the gay and lesbian pride festival. The lady got quiet at first, then said, "May God find you someday." That ended the conversation.

We left, and I felt very hurt. I guess I've been very spoiled since I have been "out." I'd never been in a situation like this. And there's more... Outside, as we were sitting in the car beginning to feel at ease, across the parking lot came the same lady! Naively, I thought she was coming to apologize. Unfortunately not! She did apologize, but only for shocking us. She proceeded to tell us that she had been a lesbian at one time, but then the "Lord found her." She hoped one day the Lord would find us too, and said "God bless you." I told her, "God bless you too." After she went away, I said to Donnie, "The Lord already blessed us by giving us, Lucas."

It was at the very least, a frustrating experience because I knew that Donnie and I were blessed with our family and friends. We wondered why she seemed so desperate to confront us, not once but twice. In retrospect, there was so much we could have said to her. We could have talked to her about her own issues. We wondered how this encounter would have played out if our son had been with us? Would it have been better or worse? Either way, we realize this woman and society in general still have a long way to go.

GLBT AL-ANON AT MCCLV

GLBT Al-Anon Meeting at 12 Noon, every Saturday at MCCLV. For information, call Chris: 484-767-3951 or Terry: 610-547-1125. Al-Anon Family Groups are relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope .

BERKS COUNTY GAY MEN S GROUP

Great events in December include: The second annoual Christmas Dinner; comedian Bob Smith -fundraiser for Young Gay America; and a dance on Dec. 10. Contact: berksgmsg@aol.com.

SCOTT SAYS

By Scott Laubner

TALES OF THE CITY

Note: This story may be shorter than usual. That's because I moved to New York City on the 16th of October and have been very busy. I promise to be your ear in the city, keeping you informed on all the comings and goings in Gotham. And I promise next month's story will be longer. Between now and then I have to find my own apartment and I have a feeling that story is going to be epic.

On Monday the 17th I finished my first day of work. I took a hundred dollars out of my checking account and caught the number 1 train to Greenwich Village for dinner and for kicks. I stopped at the gay & lesbian community center to pick up all the gay newspapers and magazines. There is always something happening there. That night, Tab Hunter was giving a lecture in a closed room. I peered inside the window into the room. Dammit, I thought, this is the last time I go out without my camera. You never know what stars you'll bump into!

I had dinner and then went to a bar on Christopher Street called Pieces. I sat at the end of the bar where this older man is drooling over a young, slender bartender.

"He's so linear," says the old man. The bartender comes over and asks if either of us need a refill.

"You're so lithe," the old customer says to his face.

"Thank you," the bartender replies, not exactly sure what that means.

On Tuesday, I told a friend what bar I had gone to and he said, "Oh, did you... fall to pieces?"

Chipmunk readers, that's all the dirt I could dig up this month. Look for more in the next issue.

CHICOMAX.COM

Chico Perez, of Reading, has been named the newest member of the PA Diversity Board of Directors. Chico has been a GLBT community activist for many years working mainly in the Berks/Reading area. Check out Chico's informational web site for Berks County and tri-state GLBT community news at: www.Chicomax.com.

MARC ADAMS TO SPEAK AT POTTSVILLE PFLAG

Marc Adams, author of the Lambda Literary Award finalist and Silver Pen Award recipient autobiography, The Preacher's Son, will speak at Pottsville PFLAG on Thursday, November 17 at the Reiley Community Center; 216 North 12th Street; Pottsville at 6:30pm. The event is free .

MCCLV FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Fri. Nov 4 - Friday Night Live, 7 - 11pm, hosted by the Praise Glory Singers, $3 admission, small charge for refreshments, 50/50 drawing, 7-9pm Tanya Erdman on the piano, 9 - 11pm karaoke & dancing, held at the church. Sat. Nov 12 - Pampered Chef Party, 2pm, at MCCLV, - up to 15% of sales generated will be donated to MCCLV, RSVP by Nov 4 to receive a free Pampered Chef Cook Book the day of the party. Coffee & Short Stories - Last Friday of every month, 7pm at the church. Sat. Dec 17 - Christmas Dance, 7 - 11pm, $5 admission, free refreshments, 50/50 drawing, raffles, held at the church. For further information: fellowship.ministry@mcclvorg or 610-709-8800.

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LIZ OUT LOUD©

CANDIDATE INFO *By Liz Bradbury*

It's almost time for local elections and once again your vote matters. VGP does not endorse candidates, but I'll give you some facts about some of them. You'll also be getting your PA-GALA candidate guide in the mail soon, and I urge you to read it carefully to help you make all your choices. I have to admit that by not being on the PA-GALA board any more, I don't have as much information about Northampton candidates as I used to. You'll have to rely on PA-GALA for that information. But in the Lehigh County Executive race, I can tell you that both Jane Ervin (R) and Don Cunningham (D) have pluses and minuses in the GLBT column.

Incumbent Ervin has supported the GLBT community on several occasions, including lobbying Harrisburg Republicans for the State Hate Crimes Bill and supporting Allentown's anti-discrimination ordinance by not only speaking in favor of it on the Pride Festival stage several times but supporting it in writing during the referendum fight. When GLBT activists asked Ervin to support our rights, Ervin did what activists asked. On the minus side for Ervin, is that she supports Senator Rick Santorum's (R) reelection.

While Don Cunningham does not support Santorum, he hasn't done much for the GLBT community, even when he was asked. Though he did fill out a questionnaire for this election, he never filled out a PA-GALA questionnaire when running for election as Bethlehem Mayor, even when he knew he'd win because no one was running against him. He wouldn't speak in favor of the passage of an anti-discrimination law in Bethlehem, he wouldn't even issue a statement against the hate language of Fred (God Hates Fags) Phelps when the Phelps family came to Bethlehem a few years ago. And he has never come to a Pride Festival.

Meanwhile, in the Allentown mayor's race, we have Bill Heydt (R) who as mayor several years ago, allowed his anti-gay city solicitor appointee Robert Daday to remove the employment rights of Allentown City employees on several occasions. Heydt still seems to believe the obtuse stuff Daday told him regarding some kind of illegality about anti-discrimination law. Daday's cockeyed legal interpretation of the laws of PA were proved to be dead wrong by the State Supreme Court. Heydt never publicly supported passage of the anti-discrimination ordinance. And Heydt has told this paper he will never allow equal benefits for the families of GLBT city employees.

Allentown mayoral candidate Ed Pawlowski has the opposite view, he supports equal rights for GLBT city employees. Pawlowski has hired openly gay people for his campaign, has lobbied for the anti-discrimination ordinance, and seems to understand that economic development of the city will depend on its ability to demonstrate inclusive policies and opportunities for the creative class (which includes us).

For Allentown City Council we all have to recognize that Julio Guridy (D), David Howells Sr. (D), and Tom Burke (R) all cosponsored and voted for the anti-discrimination ordinance, and they supported it strongly during the referendum fight. There are four slots open for City Council, but of the other people running, only Mike Da'More has spoken for GLBT equality. He has an excellent understanding of the importance and the need for equal rights.

And if you are a taxpayer, get it through your head that voting yes on the transfer and occupational tax questions will lower property taxes. In fact, its the only chance of lowering property taxes these days.

November 8. Don't forget to vote!

TRISH'S COLUMN©

463 OUT OF 500 *By Patricia Sullivan*

Every time we have an opportunity to speak publicly we say that there is no State or Federal Law that protects you from discrimination based on your sexual orientation or gender identity. There are people in every audience who are incredulous. We go on to say that Allentown, New Hope and Scranton protect sexual orientation and gender identity and that there are seven other Pennsylvania municipalities that protect citizens based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Municipal laws are somewhat like civil unions. They are not portable. You are not protected when you are outside the community governed by the law. The best employment protection, short of a Federal Law, is a business policy that includes the words sexual orientation and gender identity. Using vague statements like "other such protected classes as may be defined by law," or "as required by applicable laws and regulations," rather than including sexual orientation and gender identity as a specific class does not protect you. These vague references are a red flag that this business is not serious about protecting your rights. The management may be lazy or uninformed or they may be just unwilling to protect your rights unless required to do so by law. Either way you are at risk. Not only does the employer not commit to protect you from discrimination, the employer abdicates the responsibility to inform your coworkers and supervisor that your rights should be respected putting you at the very least at risk for harassment.

There are 463 (92.6%) FORTUNE 500 companies that provide non-discrimination protection for their gay and lesbian employees. Although every Fortune 500 company whose home office is located in Pennsylvania provides non-discrimination protection for gay and lesbian employees, it seems neither financial rank, home office location nor type of industry seem to have a particular relationship to the inclusion or exclusion of sexual orientation or gender identity in corporation non-discrimination statements nationwide.

Six Fortune 500 companies are among the top 58 employers in the Lehigh Valley. Five of those companies, Air Products, PPL, Manpower Inc., Walgreens and Agere have protection for sexual orientation. According to the Transgender Law and Policy Institute Walgreens and Agere also have protection for gender identity. Kelly Services Inc., a temporary services provider, has neither. So if you are looking for a temporary agency for a job avoid Kelly Services.

At least seven other Fortune 500 companies that have operations in the Lehigh Valley do not have protection based on sexual orientation - Liberty Mutual Insurance, Graybar Electric, Family Dollar, Cooper Tire & Rubber, Wendy's International, American Financial and Exxon-Mobil. There are still others whose products are widely used in the Valley by medical, manufacturing and other service providers: Micron Technology, Halliburton, TRW Automotive, Leggett & Platt, Kerr-McGee and Eastman Chemical.

Every decision made by Fortune 500 companies is influenced by the "bottom line" -- their profits. So it is particularly significant that 92.6% of these companies have non-discrimination protection for gay men and lesbians. It is clear that having such protection does not negatively effect their profits. It is also clear that the 7.4% of companies who continue to refuse to provide non-discrimination protections are making a conscious choice to discriminate in their business practices.

While it is important and certainly interesting to know about Fortune 500 companies, it is of greater significance to know about our local employers. Next month I'll be writing about some of the largest employers in the Lehigh Valley. We are very proud of the fact that Allentown protects its citizens, but what if you work for a company that isn't based in Allentown? Does your business specifically protect your rights, or do they only protect your rights when they are required to do so by existing laws? Our inquiring minds want to know. Stay tuned.

POP QUIZ 8

1. Which of these Halloween films was directed by (openly gay) James Whale:
A. Frankenstein B. The Bride of Frankenstein
C. The Old Dark House D. The Invisible Man

2. Lesbian actor Amanda Bearse and gay actors Roddy McDowell and Stephen Geoffreys all appeared in the horror film: A. The Fog
B. Fright Night C. The Howling D. Scream

3. Election Day '05 is: November: A.2 B. 4 C. 6 D. 8

4. 60s actor George Takei came out this month, he played: A. Hop Sing on Bonanza B. Sam on Quincy
C. Mr. Sulu on Star Trek D. Wo Fat on Hawaii 50

5. George Takei has likened prejudice against gays to racial prejudice. He experienced racial prejudice in the 1940s as a child because he was:

6. The new film about Truman Capote is called:
A. Capote B. In Cold Blood
C. Dill D. Breakfast at Truman's

7. Truman Capote's research assistant for the book In Cold Blood was: A. His cousin B. Harper Lee
C. Fannie Flagg D. Alice Walker

8. Harper Lee wrote:

9. In the movie Zorro the Gay Blade, who played Zorro and his gay brother? A. Steve Martin
B. Martin Short C. George Hamilton D. Guy Williams

10. In the Rocky Horror Picture Show who played Rocky? A. Meat Loaf B. Tim Curry
C. Barry Bostwck D. Peter Hinwood

1.All 2.B 3.D 4.C 5.Held in an internment camp from age 4 to 8. 6.A 7.A&B 8. To Kill A Mocking Bird 9.C 10.D

BINATIONAL COUPLES LACK EQUALITY

A study on binational gay couples released this month indicates that some 35,820 same-sex couples from different countries are living in the United States as of 2000... Because same-sex marriages and civil unions are not recognized by the US federal government, gay and lesbian US citizens are denied equal immigration rights...For several years, the U.S. Congress has tried but failed to pass immigration reforms that would allow American citizens and legal U.S. residents to sponsor their foreign partners. Originally called the Permanent Partners Immigration Act, the legislation is now titled the Uniting American Families Act. It was most recently reintroduced in June 2005 by Patrick Leahy of Vermont in the Senate and New York's Jerrold Nadler in the House. **--from Planetout and VGP**

"Never f--k anyone you wouldn't want to be."
-- Gender Outlaw Kate Bornstein

We believe it would improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley if all people were equally protected from unfair discrimination based upon actual or perceived: race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry or place of birth, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, family status, age, disability or use of a guide animal, in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodation.

PA Diversity Network
GLBT Infoline
PA-GALA
Valley Gay Press
Allentown Human Relations Commission
Safe-Space of Lehigh University
PFLAG Lehigh Valley
ACCO - A Chorus Celebrating Women
GLORA
Pride of the GLV
LV Gay Men's Chorus
NCC GLBT Student Union
The Lehigh Valley Labor Party
EQUAL! at Agere
Metropolitan Community Church LV
OutThere - Cedar Crest
9th Street Shelter Allentown
LV Community Action Committee
GLEE at Air Products
FACT
AIDS Outreach
The Unitarian Universalist Church LV
GLOSS
LEPOCO
GLISN of Dun & Bradstreet
AIDS Services Center
Theatre Outlet
Integrity - Bethlehem
The Lehigh Valley Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Civic Theater 19th Street Theatre
The Latin Alliance
The Enigma Players
New Covenant Family Ministries
Properties of Merit
Allentown City Democratic Committee
Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
Puerto Rican Cultural Alliance
Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley
Muhlenberg Theater Association
Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley
Touchstone Theater
Congregation Am Haskalah

To add your organization to this list, Contact VGP

QUOTE #1

"Rosa Parks'legacy will live on for generations, providing inspiration for all those striving to extinguish the inequalities that continue to plague us, from racial and economic injustices to discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people."
-- Matt Foreman, Executive Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, mourning Rosa Parks.

QUOTE #2

"Sheryl Swoopes is a real hero on and off the court. Being open and honest about your life is an act of bravery. This MVP player and Olympic gold medalist is helping to start real conversations about openness, honesty and authenticity. We commend her for this brave step that will mean so much to her gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and straight supportive fans and peers."**-Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese's statement regarding three-time WNBA MVP player and Olympic gold medalist Sheryl Swoopes' coming out in an interview with ESPN's The Magazine**

QUOTE #3

."Our plaintiffs include a police officer, a nurse, a social studies teacher, an artist, a physical therapist, and a state legislator -- people from all walks of life who make the same commitments to their partners that straight couples do," **-- said Roberta Kaplan of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, LLP, who argued the case as an ACLU cooperating attorney. The ACLU of New York last week asked a New York appeals court to strike down a state law that bars same-sex couples from marriage and the hundreds of family protections afforded to married couples**

QUOTE #4

"For the first time in its 15-year history, NLGJA (National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association) will establish its own Hall of Fame by inducting a select handful of celebrated individuals beginning with NLGJA founder and Pulitzer-prize winning editor, the late Leroy F. Aarons. Other inaugural 2005 inductees include: Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, Thomas Morgan III, Sarah Pettit, Randy Shilts & Don Slater." -- **NLGJA press release**

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Gender Outlaw Kate Bornstein at her hilarious and moving performance at Muhlenberg College in October.

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